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## ALEXANDRIA:

MONDAY MORNING. MAY 24, 1858.

We begin to hear now from various quatters of the ravages of insects upon the growing wheat. The late heavy rains have been siderable jurisdiction in the waters and upon injurious in many places. The hail storms the shore of Cuba. A few days since he orhave utterly destroyed many fields of wheat. dered a detachment of marines on shore at a Fears are entertained that the late splendid small port to the eastward, with instructions prospect will not be realized at the harvest. to search sundry plantations from eight to The Fredericksburg Herald says that it hears of no chinch bug about there yet, "but if we have one or two more hail-storms, each bug must come with a large knapsack on his seize, &c. No negroes had been landed in back filled with food, or run the risk of starving, as we shall have precious little wheat left for him to harvest."

We are indebted to Capt. John A. Masters for files of Bermuda papers to the 12th inst. gun-boat fleet, will not be endured by the The shipping of potatoes, onions, and tomatoes continues to go on briskly. The export quantity of onions shipped, was 137,000 tbs., Cincinnati, for the foundation of Free Colleand the quantity of tomatoes 1,000 boxes. ges for Orphans. A portion of the property Admiral and Lady Stewart gave a grand ball so devised lies in Luisiana. The tutor of to over three hundred persons on the night Mr. McMicken's children, in New Orleans, of the 11th inst, Dr. Rece, princial naval on the 6th inst., filed a petition in the Second leave for the benefit of his health. Capt. to restrain them from effecting a partition of Joseph Masters had sailed in the Pearl for the property located in Louisiana. It is the West Indies.

the farmers who claim damages from Railroad Companies, for loss of cattle, (killed by Locomotives,) left in an open field, through which the Railroads run. The Fredericksburg Herald says, "the enhanced value of land contiguous to Railroads, the conveniences to the planter, and the damages awarded him in the construction of the road through his premises, certainly justifies him in going to the expense of fencing in his property so

The Leesburg Washingtonian says, in reference to the case of a slave, recently before the County Court of Loudoun, charged with committing a rape on a slave woman, which has been already noticed, that the Court was clearly of opinion that such violation of a slave was a gross offence-but that it was not a felony, nor punishable with deaththat it was cognizable by a single justice, and not by five. The slave referred to, was sold by his master, at once.

fruitless motions to consider the question of admitting the two members from Minnesota. Only a few days of the session remain, and several of the annual appropriation bills are yet to be considered. A prolongation of the session begins to be more and more talked of

Almost by general consent, it would seem, "Southern Commercial Conventions," similar to the one last beld, are tabooed in Virgi-Dia. A wish is expressed in all quarters that there should be "an end of these things." Regrets are expressed by many that Virginia was represented at all by any of her citisens in the late convention at Montgomery.

A telegraphic despatch from New York says that "several parties who composed the frm of Mesers. Swan & Co., have been arrested there, and at Augusta, Ga., for carrying on a bogue lottery swindle. Bail to the amount of \$10,000 was required in each case. It is said that the receipts of the concern amount to \$150,000 per week."

The St. Louis Leader, under the editorial management of Edward Wm. Johnston, esq., has been discontinued. Mr. Johnston contemplates abandoning editorial life, and will Kentucky. He is a gentleman of great literary acquiremente.

Mr. J. R. Thompson, a lawyer of Springfield, Ill., left Philadelphia for Baltimore on the 10th of March. Nothing whatever has since been heard of him, though the most diligent enquiries have been made, and his parents are in great distress.

Young Weaver, of Baltimore, recently tried in New Castle, Delaware, for the murder of a fellow student, at the Delaware College, has been acquitted. The verdict of acquittal was received with shouts and cheers by the bystanders.

The whole of Madame de Montijo's debts have been generously paid by the Emperor of the French, and his Majesty, in the name | tobacco. of the Empress Eugenie, has just made the perchase for her of a beautiful chateau and estate close to Seville.

Among the passengers who sailed from New York on Thursday in the steamer Star | nition of his invention of the electric teleof the West, was the Rev. Bishop Scott, of the Methodiet Episcopal Church, who goes to the Pacific on official business.

Dispatches from Fort Leavenworth, say that Brigham Young has resigned the Governorship of Utah. He was removed long The difficulty between Mr. O. Jennings

Wise and Mr. B. B. Douglas, of Richmond, has been adjusted. Besidess at New Orleans is now dull, and

the business season is regarded as nearly An inquiry into the matter of the seisure of

the bark Adriatic, in the port of Marseilles. is about to be requested by Congress.

Capt. Phillips, leader of a gang called the Thugs, has been murdered in New Or-

William M. Wadley, esq., general superinten lent of the New Orleans, Jackson, and Great Northern Railroad Company, left New Orleans at 4 o'clock, a. m., on Monday morning, lost three-and-a-half hours en roule, by the transaction of business, and arrived in Washington at 2, p. m., on Fridaymaking the time between the two cities, four days and ten hours. Mr. Wadley could have dams, and did other very great injury. The retary and Treasurer, and Lindon J. Hoffdeparted from New Orleans three hours later and accomplished the journey at the same hour be reached Washington. This great speed furnishes some idea of the shortening in time between the capital of the country and the extreme Southwest, which will be effected when the railroad connexion shall have been completed. He travelled with this remarkable speed by the railroads above mentioned and the Southwestern Virginia

and Tennessee lines. A letter of the latest date from Havana, (May 15th) says: - "The commander of the British war steamer Styx is assuming confilteen miles interior from the point of landing, giving as an excuse that he had suspicion of a cargo of negroes baving been landed in the vicinity, which he wished to that part of the country. General Concha has caused the captain of the district where the landing was effected, to be brought to Havana in irons, to account for his conduct in not preventing it by force of arms. The impudence of the Styx representative of the Government of Cuba."

The late Charles McMicken, of Cincinnati, of potatoes to date, was 13,888 barrels. The bequeathed a handsome sum to the city of medical officer of the Islands, had left on District Court against the non-resident heire, held by the petitioner, that the city of Cincinnati, as a foreign corporation, is incapaci-The Judges in Virginia are ruling against tated to take property situated in Louisians for any purpose whatever, and that the bequest is contrary to the laws of the latter. It appears, moreover, that Cincinnati cannot take the property situated in Onio, (which constitutes the bulk of the bequest,) for want of constitutional capacity.

Anson G. Phelps, e-q., the eminent New York merchant, who died a few days ago, H. M. Wyatt, William M. Baggott, Mr. was a member of nearly a dozen Christian Houseworth, Benjamin Temple, John Humor benevolent institutions, and an actual pro- phreys, Samuel Alsop, and Benj. Leavell .-moter of many others, to which he contributed liberally. Only on Monday of last week, he subscribed \$500 a year for several years towards the support of Rev. Dr. Riggs (late missionary to Turkey) as Professor of Oriental languages in Union Theological Seminary. Two or three years ago he fitted up and furnished 15 or 20 rooms in the same seminary for theological students. For several years past be has given \$1,000 a year to the American Board of Missions, and \$500 a year to the Southern Aid Society from its

The State of Pennsylvania has completed the sale of all her canals. On Thursday, Motions to take up the private calendar were | dent of the Supbury and Eric Railroad Comnegatived, and the whole sitting was spent in | pany, and Mr. Gibbons, the Solicitor of the Company, met in the Executive Chamber, at Harrisburg, and consummated the sale .-The securities were given, the deeds executed and delivered, and the Governor has issued his proclamation announcing the transfer of all the public works of the State to the Sunbury and Eric Railroad Company.

The prospects of the New York Inebriate Asylum are looking up. At a meeting of its Trustees held in the city of New York on Wednesday, the report of the locating committee was unanimously adopted, which fixes Binghampton, the captal of Broome county, as the site of the Asylum; the citizens of that town having presented to the institution a donation of two hundred and fifty acres of land in Binghampton, valued at \$25,000.

Mr. Oscanyan has been appointed and confirmed as United States Consul at Constantinople -- a post now held, ad interim, by Mr. Brown, the dragoman of the legation at that Court. Mr. Oscanyan has every accomplishment for a diplomatic position in the East, including the cordial esteem of all his acquaintances in the United States.

The steamers from the South are coming seem to have an impression that the season is to be a sickly one along the gulf coast, and spend the ensuing season in the interior of hence the stampede North. The Black Warrior brought nearly 500 passengers, that is to say about 100 more than she can comfortably accommodate.

> Emigration, which has languished since the panic, begins to manifest symptoms of improvement. Two thousand arrivals took place at New York on Tuesday last. According to the weekly statement of Superintendent Kennedy 1,713 emigrante arrived which amounted to a little over ten thousand last week, making a total of 18,122 since the dollars. - Charlottesville Adv.

The foreign exports from Baltimore for the weck ending with Thursday, smounted in value to \$215,014, against \$405,868 for the same week last year. Included in the exports were 18,362 barrels of flour, 5 760 29 222 bushels of corn, and 148 hogsheads of

According to the last news, the French government has resolved to present to Professor Morse the sum of four hundred thousand france (eighty thousand dollars) as a recoggraph system which is used in that empire-This is a generous act, and highly creditable to the French government.

The New Orleans Delta of the 15th inst. eays:-- Recent accounts from above, represent the river as falling all the way down from Memphis to this city, not rapidly, to be sure, yet surely and perceptibly, and we think we can safely congratulate our readers on their escape from apprehended danger.

The Union states that the aggregate amount of talls received at the various offices of collection on the Chesapeake and Obio Canal, for the month of April, is a fraction less than \$19,000. The revenues for May, but for the late accident to dam No. 4, would have shown a handsome increase.

The future Queen of Portugal is to arrive in England from Ostend, to be the guest of the British Queen for some days. The Prin- by rogues, partly by the use of an auger mother, and will be escorted on the part of large and valuable pieces of meat abstracted, of last week at Castle Hill, the residence of N.O. MOLASSES, for sale by the Hon. William C. Rives, in Albemaria.

HHDS. P. R. and N.O. SUGA N.O. MOLASSES, for sale by the Hon. William C. Rives, in Albemaria. cess will be accompanied by her father and and partly by an iron bar, and thirty very

The Storm in King George County.

Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. "Hagley," damaged Mr. J. G. Taliaferro and others about there. It increased in severity the wheat fields of Dr. Robb. Et. T Tayloe, Bladen Tayloe, the Dickinsons, Turners, Mrs. Charles Tayloe, Fielding Lewis, and storm ever remembered in this county. Col. K. T. T. estimates his loss at \$3,000 or \$4,000, as a field likely to have yielded 4,000 bush., cannot be now reaped and more than 100 dilapidated in the extreme. This informa-The crops upon the Potomac, in King George, have been uninjured by storms; but so much rain and cold weather gives the wheat a sickly and yellow appearance. Corn cannot grow, and we want hot suns. Chatterton, May 21st.

The Hatt Storm of the 18th. In the Herald of Wednesday, we advertof which we had only had a fragmentary part, doing little or no injury whatever in Fredericksburg. Outside of the Corporation, however, its fury told with dire effect, desstroying milldams, fences, and laying waste clover fields, desolating the growing wheat, and injuring whatever came in its way.

The storm came from about the same quarter as that of July 1st, 1857-the North-West. We hear of its desolation as far down the Rappahannock River as Westmoreland Court House, where Mr. Carter's wheat crop was destroyed, and others shared a like fate.

In Spotsylvania it is represented to have been even more terrific than the storm of Saturday last. Mr. Marye's mill dam was swept away, and large numbers of persons detained in town over night, being unable to leave for Caroline and their homes in this county. Between town and Massaponix Run, on the road to the Court House, the following persons may be named as having either lost their entire wheat crop, or had it terribly ravaged by the hail:-Mr. A. N. Bernard, near town, had his crop devastated. Near the old road are the farms of R. Hildrop, Edward Frazier, and others, whose wheat was destroyed, and much of their timber blown down.

In Stafford, the following gentlemen are among the sufferers: Dr. Morson, Henry Pitzbugh, and others. In Westmoreland, the storm was very des-

structive. We also hear that the hail did much damage in the neighborhood of King George

Court House. The hail fell the size of hen eggs. Nearly one thousand panes of glass were broken in

the small village of Oak Grove, Va. The bail storm of Saturday last, and that No actual business was transacted by the Governor Packer, Judge Knox, the Attorney of Tuesday, bave injured to an extent that was to impress upon the minds of his fellow-House of Representatives on Friday last. General of the State, Mr. Moorhead, Pres: will be seriously felt in the trade of Freder students the necessity of doing justice to themhappens not more than once in a generation, their duties faithfully. and must be submitted to with the resignation and fortitude of brave hearts .- Fred.

> Legal Decision. The Chancery cause of Michie's executors vs Michie and others, in which some \$10,000 were involved, and which turned upon a very interesting law point, was decided at the last term of the Albemarle Circuit Court, by Judge Field, after bearing able arguments from Messrs. Wm. Green, of Richmond, and Leake and Snead, of Charlottesville. About filteen years ago, David Michie died, in this county, possessed of a very large personal and real estate, which his will provided should be distributed, at the death of his widow, amongst his beirs at law in conformity with our statute of descents; provided, however, that none of his relatives should take one cent of his property, who had derived any advantage whatever from a suit which had been decided against him many years prior in the county of Louisa, and wich he always death, and before the contents of his will heirs at law had, it was said, received for his ward the sum of seventeen dollars and a few cents, which was her share of the amount recovered of David Michie in the Louisa suit. With the exception, however, of a charge in to New York more crowded than ever. They the books of the Executor of Mrs. Moore, who had been the plaintiff in the Louisa suit, that he had paid the guardian of the young lady, there was no evidence whatever that she had ever received any portion of the money received of David Michie in that suit.

The Judge decided that, if it had been properly made out that the young lady or her guardian had received the seventeen dollars, her claim to an interest in the estate of David Michie would have been completely and legally barred; but as no such evidence appeared in the papers, she was properly entitled to her distributive stare of the estate,

Clarke County, Va.

Many cases of much interest arose in our Court at the last term; among them, one in relation to the Washington Fire Insurance Company, against members of the Company on their premium bonds. The party defenbushels of wheat, 3.104 barrels of corn meal, dant resisted the payment on the ground, in this particular case, that the Policy of the Company, taken out by them, had been returned to the Company with a request to return to the parties here their bonds; which request had not been noticed; and also on the general ground of alleged insolvency and swindling character of the Company. Evidence established that the Company had been They are making great preparations, and we in existence ever since 1834, and that its are inclined to believe that all who come will charter has in the meantime been renewed. | bave a pleasant time. On the contrary it was shown that they were not prompt pay in regard to their liabilities. The contract was viewed by some as an unequal one, without mutuality and reciprocity, in asmuch as payment or compliance could be exacted of one party and not of the other .-The decision, so far, by jury, has been against the Company.

Mr. Maddox during the last Court fully sustained all that was anticipated of him by of more than one constable in any magisterial his friends in the way of an elegant table district. and agreeable house in every way. There can be no doubt about the success of Mr. Maddox, if he keeps on as he has begun, and there is every reason to believe he will .-The County of Clarke demands a hotel of the first order, and one of that sort Mr. Maddox seems aiming to establish.

On Saturday night, of the 15th, the Meat House of Mr. J. B. Norris was broken open

On Friday and Saturday afternoons, the the Fredericksburg and Valley Plank Road Spottsylvania county, containing 120 acres, 14th and 15th, we had terrific storms of wind Company, was held at the Court House in formerly belonging to Mr. C. C. Baily, but and rain, which blew down chimneys, and Fredericksburg on Wednesday. The reports more recently owned by J. Hewes Bent, e-q. nearly unroofed the house of Mr. J. T. Wash- of the President and Secretary having been ington, at Albion; blew down the barn of read and received, R. B. Marye was unani-Mrs. Stuart, at Liberty; carried away Mill mously elected President; Jas. McGuire, Secman and Sanford Chancellor, directors. The grand finale was, however, the following Fredericksburg News says; "From the re-Tuesday. A severe hail storm arose in the port of the President we learn that the debts direction of Fredericksburg, doing damage which hung over the Company at the time of below that place, on the lower side of the completing the road have in a great measure Rappabannock, and crossing the river about absorbed the current means, which might otherwise have been applied to sustaining a better condition of repairs than has been below, and laid waste and utterly destroyed practicable under the continuing demands upon the Company. Those debts having been nearly paid, the Directory are of the opinion that the Company may be able to extending as far down as "The Cliffs." It keep up the lower portion of the line (be-has been the most destructive and desolating tween the Junction and Fredericks urg.) and the Branch Road, for some years to come.

The Fredericksburg Recorder says:-'Along the old mine road in this county, and bushels saved. The overseer at Oaken Brow the line of the Rappahannock, in Caroline, Mrs. C. Tayloe's) thinks the entire field the ravages of Tuesday's storm are represenwould not now yield one bushel. The lands ted as fearful, being more terrible than those in the Rappahaonock Valley now present a distressing aspect, and Fredericksburg looks phries, A. H. Bernard and John L. Marye are said to have lost their entire wheat and tion may form an item, and is at your service. oat crops-bessides sustaining other serious injuries. Since Saturday morning not less than seventy five or one hundred thousand dollars worth of property in this immediate neighborhood has been destroyed by bail."

Mrs. Miller was tried in Albemarle Court last week for concealing stolen goods in her and immediately thereafter extract the vihouse, knowing them to be stolen, found ed in brief terms to this storm, (the second.) guilty, and sentenced to the Penitentiary son, and feeling great sympathy for her, have pardon ber. It is a rare circumstance that a white woman is sent to the Penitentiary in

A dead child was discovered in a quarry on Mr. Franklin Jordon's farm, about 34 miles below Orange Court House, on Wednesday last. Suspicions rested upon a woman, belonging to Mr. Andrew Grymes. The woman was sent for, and on being questioned made a full confession, stating that the child was here, and that she had thrown it in the place where it was found. She is now confined in jail.

The Winchester Republican says :-- "The negro boys poisoned with sugar of lead, in the same act that killed two colored women of James Keenan, have recovered from its effects. The boy who administered the poison was sold and sent South, but not before he confessed that he had been instigated by his father, a free negro, still in this town .-The matter seriously demands investigation."

The Albemarle Circuit Court adjourned on Tuesday last, after a session of only eight days. But little civil business, if we except the Chancery docket, was disposed of, the eight or ten hours, when the most inflamed business not being prepared. The same unmanifest at the late Circuit Court of Louisa suffered to remain a few minutes in warm and Fluvanna, where not a single jury case water, and has been thoroughly cleansed, it was decided during the whole term.

The oration before the Columbian Society at the University, on Wednesday, the 11th inst., (says the Charlottesville Jeffersonian,) was delivered by Mr. W. W. Bird, of Washington, D.C. The whole tenor of this oration icksburg. It is a calamity the like of which selves and the University, by performing In the meantime, the patients are required

The Orange County Chronicle says : - "We are pleased to notice that our village is brushthe retail or small order. Better this than a number of improvements have taken place. localities in which they have been made."

It is contemplated to have the Alexandria, Loudoun and Hampshire Railroad completed to Leesburg by next winter. The Romney Argus says this important work "is justly regarded as the great object of accomplishment" in regard to the county interests of Hampshire, and the same may be said of every other county along the line of the road. Catholic Church and Stave Question.

At Dumfries, Va., on Thursday morning, Charles, (about 8 years old) son of Wm. C. Merchant, esq., while visiting his cousins, dressed himself in a booned skirt, and while considered as an ur just claim. Before his amusing himself with the little girls, the skirts caught fire, and before it could be put were known, the guardian of one of his out, the little fellow was so severely burned that he died in a few hours.

The "dog catchers" were out at Richmond, Va., on Wednesday, and succeeded in capturing an innumerable number of dogs. The captives were taken to a suburban locality known as "borse-heaven," about twilight. and exterminated a la butcher style-striking on the head with an axe.

The Martinsburg Republican says: "At the spring term of the Circuit Court for this she has never disturbed established order or county, James J. James obtained a verdict against the Mutual Insurance Company of Berkeley county, to the amount of \$2.375 and costs. The insurance was on property destroyed by fire.

About two thousand dollars have been subscribed already for the erection of a new and their servants with humanity and justice, commodious African Methodist church in Winchester: on the site of the present building, which is much too small to accommodate its large and constantly increasing congregation.

The following gentlemen have been apholders, for the Valley Bank at Leesburg, for the present year :- John Janney, William Gray, Henry T. Harrison, and Thomas

The ladies of Orange Court House, will hold a Fair in the basement story of the new Baptist Church, on this day, (Court day.)

The Hygeia Hotel at Old Point, Va., will

be opened early next month for the reception of visitors, and we hope the proprietor may have a full house from the commencement of the season. It should be borne in mind that the late Legislature so amended the election laws of

the Commonwealth as to forbid the election James Davis (son of Richard) committed saicide by hanging himself, at his residence near Nortonsville, in Albemarle county, last bar next the corn as near as possible, comweek. No motive has been as yet discovered

We learn that Horace D. Twyman, of Madison County, has received and accepted the appointment to West Point, from the 6th posed by the Graham practice."-- Grange

Congressional District. Lord Napier and family spent several days

Wm. A. Stephen, Land Agent, has recent-The annual meeting of the Stockholders of ly sold for \$1,400, that tract of land in

> An order was received at the Norfolk Navy Yard last week, to discharge all the workmen employed in the yard and dock department. This will throw a large number of men out of employment.

> C. B. Boughton's wheat near Centre Cross P. O., Essex, it is said, will be ready for harvest 1st of June. Those who wish to obtain seed had better apply at once.

> On last Sunday morning, eight additions, three by certificate and five by profession, were made to the Presbyterian church in Frederickburg, Rev. A. A. Hodge, pastor.

We have in our community, in the possession of the Misses King, one of the these remarkable stones, and which has effected a multitude of cures of bydrophobia. This mad stone resembles in form the kernel of an almond, is i of an inch long and i of an inch thick; one of the principal sides is convex black, with the appearance of a slight greenish tinge. In hardness, texture and lustre it resembles cannel coal. It was brought about fifty years ago by the uncle of the estimable ladies in whose possession it now is, from Hindostan, a country whose jugglers not themselves to be bitten by venomous reptiles, rus by some infallible antidote in their pos-

that she was merely the dupe of another per- experienced the wonderful healing powers of this mad stone. In only a single instance sent a petition to the Governor asking him to has it ever failed to accomplish a perfect mals; he was the first object assailed by the rabid creature; he was bitten in the face, and his face covered with the saliva. An immediate application of the mad stone was made, and he escaped the dreaded disease. This was sixteen years ago. The animals bitten by the same dog died.

> manity if this remedial agent were in the hands of some person who could conveniently devote his entire attention to its employment in the relief of one of the greatest scourges of humanity, and we think it likely that the ladies into whose possession it has fallen would be willing to dispose of it, both on account of their convenience and the general good. The application of the remedy must be made, it is said, within nine days after the person has been bitten, as the expi ration of a longer period renders doubtful its fore applying the stone to the wounds they are dressed every two hours with freshly made meal or bread and milk poultices for or sore part is punctured or scratched with is applied. If it adhere firmly to the punctured portion of the wound, the presence of virus is deemed conclusive. It is removed occasionally, washed clean in warm water and sear, and then applied again and sgain until it ceases to adnere, when all the poison supposed to be extracted. This process frequently requires several days before the stone will cease to stick to the bitten parts. daily to take moderate doses of salts, and are confined rigidly to a diet of bread and

fresh milk. We have seen a learned dissentation on ing up. The spirit of enterpise is abroad on this mad stone and its properties by Capt. S. W. Dewey, one of the most intelligent minenothing. During the just few months quite ralogists of the country, which we regret that we have not room to publish. This gentlewhich add greatly to the appearance of the man, after a careful investigation of the stone, and all the facts connected with its history, is thoroughly convinced of its invaluable qualities, and earnestly desires that they should be placed before the world -

Rich Dispatch. [The "Mad Stone" is an "old institution" -and many do not agree with "Capt. Dewey" as to its virtues.

The Archbishop and Bishops of the Cath olic church, who recently assembled in provincial council in Baltimore, have issued a pastoral letter to the clergy and laity of that lenomination. Among other subjects to which it refers is the slavery question. We

make the following extract: The peaceful and conservative character of our principles, which are adapted to every form of government and every state of society, has been tested and made manifest in the great political struggles that have agitated the country on the subject of domestic slave-

ry. Although history plainly testifies that the church has always befriended the poor and laboring classes, and effectually procured the mitigation of the evils attached to servitude, until through her mild influence it passed away from the nations of Europe, yet endangered the peace of society by following theories of philanthropy.

Faithful to the teachings and example of the apostles, she has always taught servants to obey their masters, not serving to the eye merely, but as to Christ, and in His name she commands masters to treat reminding them that they also have a Master in heaven. We have not, therefore, found it necessary to modify our teaching with a view of adapting it to local circumtation on this subject. Our clergy have wisely abstained from all interterence with pointed Directors, on the part of the Stock- the judgment of the faithful, which should be free from all questions of polity and social order, within the limits of the doctrine and law of Christ. We exhort you, venerable brethren to pursue this course so be coming "the ministers of Christ and dis pensers of the mysteries of God." Let the dead bury their dead. Leave to worldings the cares and anxieties of political parti zanship, the struggles for ascendency, and the mortifications of disappointed ambition. Do not, in any way, identify the interests f our boly faith with the fortunes of any party; but, preaching peace and good will to all mankind, study only to win to troth the deluded children of error, and to merit the confidence of your flocks, so that, becoming all to all, you may gain all to Corist.

Corn Cuitivation,

The following was banded us a day or two since by Mr. Jos. Atkins, of this place, an experienced farmer, which, he says, has been the result of his observations.

"Plant corn deep and cover deep--the crows can't pull it up, and it will stand a drought much better. Run a double plough, with the pletely covering all the grass in the bulk; if followed with a good hoeing, the crop will make in good land. It will be better, however, to run a sultivator over the buiks, and thow it out with small ploughs. This is op-

my 22 PEKRY, PENNYBACKER & CO.

General Assembly of the Presbyterian

Eighth Day -- Dr. Van Renssalaer presented a report from the committee on the subject of the Centennial celebration of the reunion of the Synods of New York and Philadelphia in 1758, deeming it proper to adopt a minute relating to that interesting and important event. It was adopted.

The house permitted the special commitee, appointed to meet the committee of the time of appearance. United Presbyterian Synod of Knoxville, to report. Dr. Van Renssalaer, on the part of the committee, reported that an interview had taken place between the two committees, and the terms proposed by the United Synod, as the basis of union with the astembly, were read.

Dr. Breckipridge slightly amending (by the leave of the house) the minute be had previously presented on this subject, moved its adoption, which was unanimously approved. This minute, is in opposition to the union on the terms proposed.] The question of continuing the conference

with the Associate Reformed Synod of the South then came up, and the resolution to refer the whole subject to a committee to prepare a minute, expressive of the sense of the body, was adopted. Rev. John Esgleson, Rev. I. J. S. Axon, and Col. J. M. Calhoun, and the other flat. Its color approaches jet were appointed by the moderator on this committee.

Rev. Mr. Coe, secretary of the church extension committee, presented a report of the action of the committee during the past year, which the following is a brief summary: The receipts from all sources during the past unfrequently perform the feat of suffering year exceed those of the previous year nearly \$1 500. 518 churches have sent in their contributions.

The amount appropriated to churches this year is nearly \$10,000 above that distributed guilty, and sentenced to the Penitentiary Hundreds of persons bitten by dogs known the past year. The applications for relief to have been rabid, are represented as having required a fund \$12,000 larger than what in the treasury at the close of last year was \$8 634 58. The receipts from April 1, 1857. cure. (?) One of these persons, Mr. Henry Goddin, of Church Hill, was bitten by a dog which attacked at the same time several ani- propriated balance in the treasury of \$8, 991 70. 76 churches have been aided in the construction of church edifices. 47 of this number cost from \$500 to \$2,500; 22 from | darken the air, and cover the streams three \$2,500 to \$5,000; 7 over \$5000. During the two and a half years the committee have been at work they have aided in the construction of 205 church edifices. The work We think it would be for the benefit of hu- of the committee, it is evident, has been among the poor. The committee have knowledge of 450 organized churches which have no houses of worship. The average contribution to a needy church has been \$100 .--The operations of the committee have been conducted without collecting agents or a corps of salaried officers.

The proposition of Dr. Breckinridge to publish a new commentary on the Bible,

was referred to the next Assembly. A motion to direct the board of publication to publish more extensively in the Gerprophylactic powers. We understand that man language, after some debate, was lost, the manner of application is as follows: Be- as being too expensive for the present financal ability of the board.

Results of the Religious Revivals. The fruits of the religious revivals have at ngth been reduced to statistical demonstraprepared condition of court business was a needle, and after the mad stone has been tion-embodied in a little publication called The Message,"-for advance proof sheets, of | 268.20. which the editors of the Express are indebted to the publishers, Messre. Derby & Jack- itself from difficulty, that it put its finances son. How far the religious experiences of in a healthy condition, p y off its floating men and women are susceptible of such mat- debt, and provide a working capital to ensure ter-of fact treatment, it does not become us safety and economy in its business. say; but, relying upon the official returns

> more noticeable features. Returns are given of the exact number of the form of a preferred stock; the latter has conversions in every State of the Union up to ing, we understand, been accepted as the let of the present month -and these are

recapitulated thus:	
Maine 2,670	Missouri2,027
New Hampshire. 1,376	Kentucky2,666
Vermont 770	Tennessee1,666
Massachusetts 6,254	Dis't Columbia. 93
Rhode Island 1.331	Delaware 179
Connecticut 2,799	Maryland1,806
New York 16,674	Virginia 1,005
New Jersey 6,025	North Carolina., 558
Pennsylvama 6.752	South Carolina. 127
Ohio 8,099	Georgia 250
Himois 10,460	Alabama 372
Indiana 4,775	Florida 25
Michigan 3,081	Mississippi 135
Wisconsin 1,467	Texas 27
lowa 2,179	California 50
Minnesota 508	
Total	96,216

is certainly something over which the angels in beaven, as well as men upon earth, may conducted for the three years ending May rejoice! And yet when we reflect that there 1st, 1857, the Company has paid but two per are some twenty-four millions of people in cent. per annum on its capital. this Union of ours, one can only Isment that, after all, so much energy and zeal, and eu- ordinary demand for coal, with the coase thusiasm, have been required to accomplish quent benefits of an increased price, this omparatively so little.

The total number of conversons in the rincipal cities is thus stated : 640 Milwaukie ..... 18 Philadelphia Soston . . . . . . . 400 St. Louis . . . . 500 Nashville. Chicago ....

Many important omissions are apparent in this record, and until those are supplied, the 'Message" can hardly be considered as comlete as it should be. Brookiyn, for example, (the City of Churches) is nowhere mentioned. Neither is Baltimore, nor some othor populous cities and towns, where the religious movement has been, and now is, most active .- N. Y. Express.

Connexion of the Two Oceans. The Secretary of the Navy has transmitted to the Senate a letter from Lieut. T. A. Crai grasses. The whole tract is well watered a ven, dated May 17, in reference to the pracstances. Among us there has been no agi- ticability of an interoceanic communication from the Gulf of Darien to the Pacific ocean, advantages of a healthy and convenient by the Atrato and Truando rivers.

The letter of Lieut. Craven concisely imodies the results of his late survey of those rivers and contains the following conclusions in reference to the physical difficulties to be vercome in opening a communication:

"I. A cut through some five miles of subperged mud at the mouth of the river, with the prospective certainty of constant dredging to keep it open. 2 Tue herculean labor and incalculable

xpense of cutting through the lagoons of he Truando and the embedded loge of the Palos Caidos, where the whole country is inundated during at least nine months of the year, and where the flood of a day may destroy the work of a week.

"3. The vast expense attending the removal of basaltic rock in a country where labor and provisions must all be imported at most extravagant rates. "4. The want of an anchorage on the Pacific coast.

5. The tatal effects of the climate, which may be safely estimated, will at all times disable one-third of any force that may be sent there.

"You will not be surprised, sir, that, with the preceding arguments. I am of the opinion that the proposed canal is impracticable as involving an expenditure of treasure not ble, if only for a Summer residence. easily estimated, and a sacrifice of life from which the stoutest heart may shrink. Human ingenuity and perseverance may, it is true, overcome the obstacles enumerated; but, at least two generations must pass away, O HHDS. P. R. and N. O SUGAR; 12 bbls. ere the world could restige the completion of a much less extensive work than that con-

The Ephemeric or May-Files. To the Editor of the Alexandria Gazette

In answer to the enquiries of "Buffon"; may be remarked that the Ephemetae or May-Price are not peculiar to Alexandria but are found in immense quantities in various parts of the world. There are, however a number of species known to naturalists which differ in size, duration of life, and

They all, so far as the writer is informed when in the larva state, inhabit shallow water; the duration of their lives in that state. being three years. When ready to leave the water, they rise to the surface and assume the winged condition in a manner analogous to the mousquito.

In the performance of this operation, multitudes are drowned, and thus become 1004 for fish, while those that escape, fly to some convenient place to cast their skin, numbers of which exuv as may be seen upon the tences. walls, and trees. Previous to the casting of this skin, they are of a yellow color, but atterwards they are darker, thus indicating to the eye, the change by which they have become periect insects. In this last state, they flutter about for a few days, (some species only a few hours) lay their eggs, and die .-In common with many other winged inrecis, they eat nothing during their perfect state. Large quantities of the dead larvæ, and the exuvize left by them on emerging from the water, may now be found along the shores of Hunting Creek, especially near John's Point. These differ entirely, as will be seen on examination, from the skins cast by the insects after they have become winged.

These insects are known to the scientific under the name of Ephemere limbata, and are identical with those that appear in great numbers early in June, on the shores of Lakes Michigan and Erie.

The May-Flies most common in Europe are rather larger than ours, and being fur nished with three tails, constitute a different species (E. Vulgata ) The naturalist Resu mur gives many interesting details concerning their appearance in France; he says, "they show themselves in such vast numbers as to or four inches in depth. The peasantry collect them for manure, a single man calculating on obtaining from twenty-five to thirty cart loads in a season: Much disappoint ment is felt by the inhabitants of the rural

districts when the crop is scaut, or lails." It is scarcely necessary to add that the prevaiting belief on the subject, attributing the origin of May-Fires to decayed fi-h, is erroneous.

Cumberland Coal and Iron Co. A circular recently issued by a committee

f share-holders of the Cumberland Coal and Iron Company, sets forth the financial condition of the Company. According to it, the bonded debt amounts to \$467,000, on 467 bonds, of which the proceeds of 63 have not been received, and can either be accepted or the bonds called in. This amount must be deducted from the above, which reduces the total to \$404,000. The floating debt and inbilities of all descriptions on the first of April last, amounted to \$200,665 17 - against which are to be counted assets amounting to \$47,396.97, leaving a balance of \$15

It is suggested, as a means of extricating

To accomplish this desirable end, two before us, it may not be uninteresting to the methods are suggested. The one to create general reader to recapitulate some of the new bonds, and the other to call upon its stockholders for a rateable contribution in ders, who do not feel inclined to encumbe their property with a debt for which they 66 must pay an annually recurring interest, and of ultimately pay the principal of a larger sum

93 than they received. This Company owns about 9,000 peres of on land : 6 000 acres of which are claimed as 05 being underlaid with the fourteen feet vein 58 of cosl. This is too much land to be owned 27 by any one company. The large amount of 50 capital invested is unavailable. It is, under the present policy of the Company, den 25 capital, yielding nothing in return for the 35 investment; nor can it yield simple interest until more of its immense mineral wealth shall have been developed, not by the Com pany, but by lessees, who would take hold o it at once if the Company would sell the re-Ninety-six thousand two hundred and six- ally at a fair price. This is demonstrated to een souls won over to Christ and Religion, the fact that, with all the vigor and economy with which its mining operations have been

Without a change of policy, or an extr condition of things must remain the same .-

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